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unfortunate. These are things that this money goes to, that the people endorse, that the people voted on. I support LB 791, and I hope Senator Janssen continues on with this, and whatever help that I can offer I will do. I support the bill, and I urge you to do so as well.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. This is another one of those issues I think we need to think about, what is the role of government? What is the role that we have here in the state of Nebraska? To provide safety, security, health for its citizens. The role is not to provide more scratch tickets for our citizens. The role is not to provide more games of chance for our citizens. I just don't feel that this is an area that we need to be going in. Again, what we're trying to do here is to provide a few more winners so more people will play. I don't know how many of you have gone into a Kwik Shop or a place where they do sell the scratch tickets. I happened to stop at one, oh, about a week and a half ago to get a Coke, and there was a woman who left her kids in the car, went in, bought a candy bar and bought \$5 worth of those scratch tickets, and before she even went back to the car...the kids are in the car...she's sitting there scratching off those tickets to see if she won anything. You know, I don't know what her financial situation was; I don't know what the...whether she can afford it, or whether she can't. I can make judgment calls. That's not my role to do that. But it just seemed to me that to go into a Kwik Shop and buy a candy bar and five scratch tickets...and if she would have won one, she probably would have bought some more. And that's exactly what we're talking about here. To create a few more winners so that they will buy more tickets. I think that's just an area that we don't need to go into at this particular time. We need it during a budget crisis to entice more people to throw their money away. We're being criticized because we as a state did not save dollars to take care of a time when we got into...where our economic conditions were not quite as good, and so here we are enticing people to spend dollars on this wonderful scratch game to create a few more winners so we can have a few more people participating. But if they play long enough, they are